



## ACS-KC SECTION MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will not be a Membership Meeting in February. We hope you'll mark your calendar and plan on joining us at Shimadzu in March!

## Super Science Saturday! February 7, 2026

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Science Saturday will be held on  
Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 10:00am-3:00pm  
Remington/Agenstein Hall  
Missouri Western State University  
4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO

**Admission: \$5 for Students and Adults**  
**Kids 5 & under are admitted FREE**  
**Parking is also FREE!**  
**EXPLORE and EXPERIMENT!**

**Please plan on joining us for this always fun family event!**

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### A NOTE FROM OUR NEW CHAIR, DR. GARY CLAPP:

One of the University students asked me why they should be part of or join the American Chemical Society...So, I thought back to why I joined nearly 40 years ago. My first thought was about the cost. Undergraduates and graduate students are not exactly flush with assets and there was no way I was spending any extra money on joining a Professional Society. I quizzed some of the older students and was kind of surprised to hear that we had an active student chapter. I attended my first student chapter, "Pizza and Beer" meeting in 1986. I never looked back. Next month I will share why I continued and remain an active member, but basically it is because "Chemistry is the base of all the other life sciences." Isha Shah, Rensselaer Polytechnic, stated this. And a little fermentation is good to understand.



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- 150 YEARS!!
- \*Make sure to check out our website!!
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## Upcoming Events:

**Super Science Saturday:** This fun, family event takes place on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>! See page one of this publication for details. Hope to see you there!

**ACS Spring Meeting: Atlanta, Georgia & Digital, March 22-26, 2026**  
**Collaborate. Innovate. Transform.** Access breakthrough science, career-boosting events, and a community that's shaping the future of chemistry. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.acs.org/events/spring.html>

**March ACS-KC Monthly Membership Meeting:** This meeting will be held at Shimadzu on Tuesday, March 31, 26 at 5:30pm. Our special guest speaker will be Dr. Steven A Soper. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this informative and delicious dinner meeting. Look for more details in next month's Kansas City Chemist newsletter.

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## 2026 Kenneth A Spencer Award Winner Announced!

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Appell, USDA-ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research. The Section is already working on the Award Presentation and Banquet which will take place in the fall. Much more information to come in the Kansas City Chemist publications.

The Kenneth A Spencer Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agricultural and Food Chemistry was founded in 1955. It is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards presented to chemists working in many agricultural and food science areas. The award endorses meritorious contributions by scientists in academia and industry. For more than 60 years, the outstanding achievements of the Awardees have continued to establish the great reputation of the Spencer Award within the United States of America.

# ACS-KC Standing Committees & Chairs

**Please consider volunteering on one (or more) of our committees!**  
**We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and contribution!**

\*Please contact Gary Clapp ([geclapp424@gmail.com](mailto:geclapp424@gmail.com)) if you are interested in one of the committees. Thank you! We would appreciate it, and we welcome your input and assistance!



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